

Self-Test Quiz

1. Any article capable of penetrating skin is a sharp.

TRUE / FALSE

2. Always plan for the safe handling and disposal of needles/sharps before using them.

TRUE / FALSE

3. Activate Safety Devices on needles/sharps immediately after use.

TRUE / FALSE

4. Used needles/sharps should be safely disposed of at the point of use.

TRUE / FALSE

5. Always be considerate of others - dispose of all used needles/sharps in the puncture resistant sharps containers with biohazard signs.

TRUE / FALSE

6. I should always report any injury due to a needle/sharp.

TRUE / FALSE

Name: _____

Ext.: _____

Please return this quiz to Occupational Health when completed.

Lots of things are sharps

There are lots of things in health care that are able to puncture the skin, and which have been in contact with the body fluids of other persons and therefore are potentially infected with blood-borne viruses. Examples are:

- Used needles/syringes
- Used lancets/scalpels/suture needles
- Broken glass contaminated with blood.

THE ONLY SAFE SHARP IS:

A sharp which is safely controlled:

- In the hand of the person using it
- Discarded by the person using it directly into a suitable sharps container at the point of use
- Safely confined within an approved sharps container
- Transported in a locked-down sharps container.

NEEDLES AND SYRINGES SHOULD NOT BE:

- Separated after use
- Recapped after use
- Handed to another person for disposal.

BE SHARPS SMART

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Dangerous Situations should NEVER happen



Every day is a sharps handling day for healthcare workers



Refer to Infection Control Manual Policy 2-20 for more information on sharps injuries and sharps containers.

SHARPS CONTAINERS

- Should always be puncture-resistant, leak resistant and tamper resistant
- Should be visually inspected for protruding sharps before handling
- Should be within reach before you begin your procedure
- Be closed off when fill level indicated on container is reached.

Safety Engineered Devices on Needles/ Sharps should always be activated following use and immediately disposed of in a sharps container.

All users should frequently and routinely monitor fill levels, and change sharp containers before they are overfilled.

Never shake or force items into a sharps container!

Never put your hands into a sharps container!

Only sharps should go into a sharps container.

*If you require further information please contact:
Occupational Health and Safety/
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613-548-7222 Ext. 3166

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BE SHARPS SMART!

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!



...OR CAUSE IT TO HAPPEN TO YOUR CO-WORKERS!

Be Sharp Safe

